

# IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS WESTERN DISTRICT

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## COMPLETE TITLE OF CASE

K. PATRICK DOUGLAS,

Appellant,

v.

OFFICE OF THE STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATOR,

Respondent.

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**DOCKET NUMBER** WD78123

**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS  
WESTERN DISTRICT**

**DATE:** September 1, 2015

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## APPEAL FROM

The Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri  
The Honorable Daniel R. Green, Judge

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## JUDGES

Division II: Newton, P.J., and Howard and Pfeiffer, JJ.

CONCURRING.

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## MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DISTRICT

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Before Division II Judges:

Thomas H. Newton, Presiding Judge, and Victor C.  
Howard and Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judges

Mr. K. Patrick Douglas filed a petition against the Office of the State Courts Administrator (“OSCA”), alleging that OSCA violated the Sunshine Law by failing to provide certain information that he had requested. Thereafter, OSCA moved for judgment on the pleadings, which the trial court granted. Douglas appealed.

**DISMISSED.**

**Division II holds:**

In every appeal, this court is required to examine its jurisdiction *sua sponte*. Timely filing of a notice of appeal is a jurisdictional requirement, and if the notice of appeal is untimely, this court is without jurisdiction and must dismiss the appeal.

If no timely authorized after-trial motion is filed, a judgment becomes final thirty days after it is entered by the trial court. Rule 81.05(a). No appeal is effective unless the notice of appeal is filed not later than ten days after the judgment appealed from becomes final. Rule 81.04(a). A notice of appeal is deemed filed on the date the trial court clerk receives the notice of appeal with a docket fee. Rule 81.04(f).

The record on appeal in this case discloses that the trial court's judgment was filed October 8, 2014, and no post-judgment motions were filed. Therefore, the judgment became final on November 7, 2014. The notice of appeal was due by November 17, 2014, but was not filed until November 18, 2014. Accordingly, this court does not possess jurisdiction to consider this appeal.

**Opinion by: Mark D. Pfeiffer, Judge**

September 1, 2015

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